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**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated December 3, 2004 enclosed is the revised "Claims" section of the Amendment of November 16, 2004, indicating "New" before each of claims 18-37.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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